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COMMITTEE MUST HAVE MONEY

Republican Candidates Elected by the People Must Be Protected in Their Rights

In the supreme court the defeated democratic candidates for state offices have begun contest proceedings against the elected republican candidates. Their suit is to be conducted by able lawyers, two of them former members of the supreme court. They have already taken the preliminary steps and the suit is to be pressed.

The four elected republican candidates—Brown, Kennish, Evans and Wightman—will doubtless have their commissions and assume the duties of their respective offices in January, but the defeated candidates will make every possible effort to deprive them of their offices later as a result of the contest proceedings. The republican officers cannot personally meet the expenses involved in defending their claim to the offices to which the people have elected them, and should not be required to do so if they could.

The republican state committee has taken the matter up. Three distinguished lawyers, Selden P. Spencer, Lon O. Hocker and A. E. L. Gardner, are assisting as counsel, and have already gathered much information on which to base their contentions. They will do nothing to prevent an honest, legal, fair and full investigation of the charge that the republican candidates were not lawfully elected, but will assist in developing whatever may tend to show fraud, dishonesty or illegality in the election anywhere in the state.

The work will require at least \$15,000. Chairman Morris expects to raise this money among the people of the state. In an address issued last week he says:

I cannot believe that the patriotic citizens of Missouri, irrespective of party affiliation, approve of a proceeding based upon unimportant technicalities and to accomplish party ends to deprive a candidate of an office to which he has been honestly elected. The republican party in this state does not wish to profit by a single dishonest vote. We do not desire a commission to a single office to which the people have not fairly and honestly elected our candidates. Every feeling of party loyalty and patriotism, however, urges us to vigorously defend the will of the people as expressed at the last election. Believing, as we do, that the election was an honest one, it becomes our duty to defend the rights of the republican candidates to the offices to which they have been unquestionably elected.

I am informed that the democratic state committee has undertaken to raise a fund of \$25,000 with which to carry on this contest. There are no funds available with which to defend the interests of our party and its candidates, except as they may be supplied from the voluntary contribution of the

people. Able attorneys have been retained to defend against these proceedings, and I hereby call upon the good citizens of the state, irrespective of party, to supply such funds as may be necessary to meet the legitimate expenses incident to these contests. No technical objections will be interposed and no effort will be made by the republican organization to prevent a thorough investigation, under the law, of the conduct of this election. This investigation will not be confined to the city and county of St. Louis. It will embrace the entire state. The task which has been forced upon us is a large one, but we can not shirk the duty. We must, for the sake of the party, as well as for the good name of the state, resist in every legal and proper manner this unwarranted attempt of a few partisan politicians to override the expressed will of the people and to deprive of their offices candidates who are elected by majorities ranging from 2500 to 25,000.

I regret the necessity calling upon you for additional funds at this time, but the time is at hand when I must have your practical assistance, and I ask that the people of the state, who believe in the supremacy of law, send me at once such voluntary contributions as they pressed at the polls on November 8. Every contribution made will be thankfully received and its expenditure regular accounted for. (Signed) C. D. MORRIS, Chairman Republican State Committee.

To Save Young Criminals

In his message to the legislature Governor Hadley will recommend the creation of a reformatory where young convicts may be imprisoned and treated with such humane consideration, under a modern penal system as will prevent them from becoming hardened in moral perceptions and criminal tendencies and encourage and equip them for better things in life. This is infinitely better than the present system of keeping young criminals and "first offenders" in the same prison with hardened criminals and treating them as hopeless enemies of society. Surely such a measure will appeal to the manhood and patriotism of the law makers. There is no valid reason why a great state like Missouri should hesitate to save its young criminals from the evils connected with the present penitentiary system.

Farmers' Week at Columbia

The date of Missouri Farmers' Week, held annually at Columbia under the auspices of the Missouri state board of agriculture and agricultural college, is January 10 to 13, 1911. With low railroad rates and with some of the nation's leading authorities on grain growing, live stock breeding, poultry raising and home-making on the program, a record attendance is expected. A dozen farmers' organizations will also participate. Then there will be the big Missouri state corn show at the same time and place. The week's exercises will close Friday night with the annual agricultural college banquet, when state farm beef, vegetables, fruit, ice cream, and other good things will be served. A special attraction for Columbia visitors this year will be the wonderful cow, Missouri Josephine, whose record-breaking milking performance will be completed just about the date of Farmers' Week.

STATE Chairman Charles D. Morris witnessed the opening of congress and was the recipient of many hearty congratulations on the success of the Missouri republican campaign. At Washington they all know that Missouri is now a republican state.

Winter Course Begins January 3

The next term of the short course in agriculture begins at Columbia January 3, 1911. The first term, which began November 1, is just coming to a close with the largest enrollment in the history of the university of Missouri. One hundred and seventy-six men have been studying agriculture for two months in the laboratories, demonstration rooms, lecture halls, barns, stables and fields of the Missouri college of agriculture. This is a 500 per cent increase over the enrollment in the same term last year.

It should be understood that the courses in the second term are complete in themselves and not dependent upon the courses given during the first term. Any young man will find no difficulty in entering January 3, 1911. There are no entrance requirements. The work is practical and given with the idea of immediate application to farm conditions. Five additional instructors have been employed for this work. All prospective students should present themselves for enrollment promptly on the first day of the term.

Immigration to Missouri

According to figures compiled by John H. Curran, former chief commissioner of Missouri state immigration board, within the past year the state has made a net gain of 51,500 persons. This gain has been largely brought about through the advertising of the state's resources by the immigration board.

In his report to Governor Hadley, the first one prepared by the commission, Mr. Curran shows that the commission was hampered in its work by lack of funds. In the main, the cities of St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield supplied the money for carrying on the work. In all, \$2,000 was spent in advertising.

The report shows that during the present year 245,000 acres of land have been sold to colonists and 2,000 more to individuals. This land is worth \$4,000,000. He says that in the same period 5,000 families have settled on farms.

Butchering Hogs on the Farm

A new bulletin just issued by the Missouri state board of agriculture is entitled "Butchering Hogs on the Farm." This bulletin, in addition to dealing with butchering as ordinarily understood, tells how to make sugar-cured meat, mince-meat, etc. It may be had free by addressing Secretary T. C. Wilson, Columbia, Mo.

GOVERNOR HADLEY will recommend, in his message to the legislature, the creation of a public service commission to regulate the rates and services of all public utilities, including railroads, street railways, telephone, telegraph and express systems, water and light systems, etc. Such a bill was before the last legislature, at his suggestion, but was defeated through lobby influences.

THE supreme court of the United States has upheld the Oklahoma law providing for a tax on banks to create a fund for the guarantee of deposits in the banks of that state. The best guarantee bank depositors can have is the honest, thorough and impartial enforcement of banking laws—such enforcement as the Missouri bank commissioner, Hon. John E. Swanger, has accomplished.

It is not an easy matter to raise \$15,000 for the expenses of a contest, even when the victory of the state ticket is involved. Chairman Morris must be sustained by generous republican republicans, especially, and ought to have the immediate aid of every Missourian who believes in fair play and honest politics.

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